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In re Application of:)
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 Serial No.: 09/857,142)
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 For: APPARATUS FOR HOLDING AND)
 OPERATING ONE OR MORE SYRINGES)

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Hon. Director of the Patent
 and Trademark Office
 Washington, D. C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the office action of August 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

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Claim 1 (Amended) Apparatus for holding and operating one or more syringes each of which has a barrel portion and a plunger, comprising a handle having a portion configured to be gripped in a user's hand and a cradle at one end of said handle, said cradle being configured to removably receive a said barrel portion of a single syringe of said one or more syringes such that it extends transversely to said handle portion and is located such that a said plunger of said single syringe is easily engaged by said user's thumb.

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Claim 4 (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 2 wherein each of said at least two syringes has an output end through which an output flows and further comprising an applicator tip for connecting to the output end of each syringe and receiving the outputs from said syringes.